Australian Early Development Census

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Dear Leader

RE: Commitment to the 2027 Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Together we are committed to making the 2027 AEDC a success. As part of our ongoing partnership with the Australian Government, all South Australian schools with Reception enrolments are to complete the AEDC data collection between **26 April to 2 July 2027.**

Every school counts regardless of sector, location or size. Data collected provides important insight into children's development and learning as they start school. The South Australian government has set a target to reduce the proportion of children assessed as developmentally vulnerable by the AEDC, to 15%. Having data about Reception students from schools in all sectors is vital to measure our state's progress and for making decisions to support children to thrive.

Schools will have their data available for use in Term 3 planning, helping make planning responsive to students' strengths and needs. Additionally, this evidence supports curriculum and program decisions and planning for effective transitions to school in partnership with early childhood services, families and the community.

Schools are supported to complete the data collection. Relief reimbursement will be paid to schools. Training for teachers is available and further information and resources will be sent in Term 1, 2027 to help set up your school and complete data collection on Term 2 dates of your choice, that best suit your school context.

We thank you in advance for your ongoing support in making this another successful collection.

For more information:

Information about AEDC data collection:

Contact National Helpdesk on **helpdesk@aedc.gov.au** or 1800 092 548

South Australian specific enquiries:

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Kind regards

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